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H.R.4437, To extend the deadline for the submittal of the final report required by the Commission on Care

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, the House will consider <u>H.R. 4437</u>, *To extend the deadline for the submittal of the final report required by the Commission on Care*. The bill was introduced on February 2, 2016, by Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) and was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUMMARY

H.R. 4437 would amend <u>P.L. 113-146</u> to extend the Commission on Care's deadline to provide a final report to the President on its findings and recommendations on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health system until June 20, 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-146) established a Commission on Care to evaluate access to care throughout the VA health care system and to examine how to best organize the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), locate health resources, and deliver health care to veterans.

The Commission is required to report to the President, through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, no later than 180 days after the date of the initial meeting of the Commission on 1) the findings of the Commission and 2) recommendations for legislative or administrative action to improve access to health care through the VHA. This deadline would be February 20, 2016, however the Commission requested an extension until June 30, 2016.

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is currently unavailable. However, according to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, CBO has preliminarily estimated that enacting the bill would have no impact on revenue.

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